(iv) A fisheries and oceanographic research vessel is being acquired in October 1984 from Denmark which will be used for survey of living marine resources.

(v) Negotiations are on for acquiring a research submersible and for its complete transfer of underwater technology.

(b) The following are the important projects that are likely to be taken up by the Department of Ocean Development during the Seventh Five Year Plan:—

(1) *Research, Survey and Assessment*: Knowledge—building through research, survey and assessment in the areas of ocean and climate, marine biology, marine chemistry, marine physics, marine geology, marine geophysics, marine instrumentation etc., resource management, characteristics of the ocean environment, of Antarctica, Ocean energy research programme and establishment of an Ocean Data Base.

(2) *Human Resources Development*: Manpower planning and development for ocean-related activities through education, training and development of skills at all levels.

(3) *Development of Marine Technology*:

(i) Establishment of an Institute of Marine Technology.

(ii) Marine instrumentation programme.

(iii) Desalination Programme.

(iv) Development of underwater technology.

(v) *Polymetallic Nodules Programme*:

Further survey and assessment and the development of technologies for mining and processing of polymetallic nodules through pilot plants.

Afghan Refugees joining Khalistan Protagonists

2256. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Afghan refugees are joining the Khalistan Protagonists in the U.K. and the U.S.A. in demonstrations against India;

(b) whether Government have brought this to the notice of the Afghan refugee leaders in India; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Afghan refugee leaders thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI A. A. RAHIM): (a) Instances of Afghan refugees settled abroad joining such demonstrations have come to notice.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Eve teasing in University Special Buses

2257. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eve teasing is continuing in University special buses in Delhi despite various steps taken by the Police authorities; and

(b) if so, what further steps are being taken to curb eve teasing in University special buses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) and (b) During the current year, only one incident of eve teasing in a University special bus was reported to the Delhi Police. Six students have

been arrested in this case and the driver and the conductor of the DTC bus have been suspended. Pickets and plain clothes police personnel have been deployed to check eve teasing in buses in the University area. Policemen are detailed on duty at the women colleges and schools and also at important market places frequented by women to check cases of eve teasing.

Recently, the Chief Executive Councillor, Delhi convened a meeting of the senior officers of the Delhi Administration, Delhi Police, Delhi Transport Corporation, Principals of Women Colleges and representatives of the University students union to review the situation. It was decided at this meeting to further intensify measures to check eve teasing specially in University special buses and at other vulnerable places.

Remarks made against IAS Officers

2258. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that I.A.S. Officers Association has taken exception to the remarks made in public recently by some West Bengal Ministers against the I.A.S. officers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action the Central Government have taken or propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) to (c) The Indian Administrative Service Association, West Bengal, passed a resolution on 31st July, 1984 expressing its distress over certain remarks made by the Minister of State for Power at a public meeting against the officers of the Indian Administrative Service and the Indian Police Service and requesting the Chief Minister to ask the Minister for Power to refrain from making unwarranted statements about civil servants on public platforms. The Government of West Bengal has informed that the Minister of State for Power has clarified to the Press that his remarks were reported out of context.

Attack on Opposition Leader in Mainpuri, U.P.

2259. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assurance was given by the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh to investigate through the C.B.I. into the matter relating to an attack in Mainpuri District in March, 1984 on the Opposition Leader in the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council, Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav in which a person was killed and other was seriously injured; and

(b) whether a request in this behalf was received by Government but was not acceded to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) According to the information furnished by the State Government an assurance was given in the State Legislature to refer the matter to the Government of India for C.B.I. inquiry.

(b) A request was received from the State Government for entrusting this case to the Central Bureau of Investigation for investigation. However after taking all relevant factors into account, particularly that in this case the local police could more effectively handle the investigation with the advantage of local knowledge, it was decided not to entrust it to the Central Bureau of Investigation and How the investigation to be done by the State Police.